

**Regular Session Minutes – Selectmen’s Meeting  
Selectmen’s Meeting Room, Town Hall  
Monday, October 3, 2016 - 7:30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Clerk Caroline Fedele; William S. Moonan; Mark Siegenthaler; Margot Fleischman; and Town Manager Richard T. Reed

**ABSENT:** Chair Michael Rosenberg

**ALSO PRESENT:** Bedford TV Representatives Bob Dutton, Greg Dolan and Julie Turner; Cable Television Advisory Committee Representatives James Shea and John O’Connor, Town Moderator Cathy Cordes; Planning Board Member Amy Lloyd; Finance Committee member Ben Thomas; Assistant Town Manager Michael Rosen; Press Representative Debra Parkhurst.

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Clerk Fedele called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**17-62            Future of PEG Access Funding**

Bedford TV (BCAT) Representatives Bob Dutton and Greg Dolan addressed the Selectmen. They identified steps leading to a new contract. They mentioned that the Town’s contact with BCAT will end on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and that the Massachusetts Department of Revenue will require funding to switch from a Revolving fund to an Enterprise fund or Special Revenue Account. These changes must be voted on at the November Special Town Meeting and requires a new outsourcing contact. They also discussed funding issues, evolving consumer environments and what changes will need to made to adapt to the these developments.

Ms. Fleischman asked if any other towns were facing the same situation. Mr. Dolan stated that eventually other towns will face the same problems but Bedford is ahead of the timeline. Mr. Siegenthaler expressed that he would like to have a better sense of viewership and that having this topic at Town Meeting would be insightful.

**17-63            Special Town Meeting – November 9, 2016  
Article Recommendations  
Approval of Warrant**

Town Manager Richard Reed informed the Selectmen that they needed to decide whether to place a new item on the Warrant. This potential article relates to a lift for access to the Sabourin Field Press Box to assist those with physical disabilities.

**Mr. Moonan made a motion that the Selectmen authorize Article 9 – Lift for Access to Sabourin Field Press Box to be placed on the Warrant. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 4-0-0.**

### **Article 1 – Debate Rules**

**Ms. Fleischman made a motion to recommend approval of Article 1 - Debate Rules. Mr. Siegenthaler seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 4-0-0.**

### **Article 2 – Establishment of Special Revenue Account for PEG Access and Cable Related Funds**

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue is requiring the Town to opt for acceptance of a Special Revenue Account or Enterprise Fund related to PEG Access funds. Staff recommends a Special Revenue Account.

**Mr. Moonan made a motion to recommend approval of Article 2 – Establishment of Special Revenue Account for PEG Access and Cable Related Funds. Ms. Fedele seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 4-0-0.**

### **Article 3 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Temporary Moratorium, Medial Marijuana Treatment Center**

The Attorney General's office allows for moratoriums for up to one year. This would go into effect the night of Special Town Meeting and would expire on November 9, 2017. The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on this topic.

**Ms. Fleischman moved the Selectmen make a recommendation at Special Town Meeting for Article 3 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Temporary Moratorium, Medial Marijuana Treatment Center. Mr. Siegenthaler seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 4-0-0.**

### **Article 4 – Zoning Map**

Planning Board member Amy Lloyd described this article's purpose is to establish the legal zone for a portion of land that used to be part of the Route 3 right of way that was never zoned. The land is privately owned.

**Mr. Siegenthaler made a motion to recommend approval of Article 4 – Zoning Map. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 4-0-0.**

### **Article 5 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Industrial and Industrial Mixed Uses**

This article amends the industrial and industrial mixed-use zones. A public hearing was held on this and the Planning Board is recommending approval.

**Mr. Siegenthaler made a motion to recommend approval of Article 5 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Industrial and Industrial Mixed Uses. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 4-0-0.**

### **Article 6 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Planned Residential Developments**

This article was reviewed by the Planning Board and they are recommending approval.

**Mr. Siegenthaler made a motion to recommend approval of Article 6 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Planned Residential Developments. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 4-0-0.**

### **Article 7 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Site Plans**

This article was heard by the Planning Board and they are recommending approval.

**Mr. Moonan made a motion to recommend approval of Article 7 – Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Site Plans. Mr. Siegenthaler seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 4-0-0.**

### **Article 8 – Compensation of Employees Serving in Armed Forces or Reserves**

More information on this article will be provided at the October 17<sup>th</sup> Selectman's meeting.

**Ms. Fleischman moved the Selectmen make a recommendation at Special Town Meeting for Article 8 – Compensation of Employees Serving in Armed Forces or Reserves. Mr. Siegenthaler seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 4-0-0.**

### **Article 9 – Lift for Access to Sabourin Field Press Box**

**Mr. Siegenthaler moved the Selectmen make a recommendation at Special Town Meeting for Article 9 – Lift for Access to Sabourin Field Press Box. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 4-0-0.**

### **Article 10 – Land Acquisition for Plank Street**

This article is to take by eminent domain an old privately owned piece of property on Plank Street and to make it into a public street.

**Mr. Moonan moved the Selectmen make a recommendation at Special Town Meeting for Article 10 – Land Acquisition for Plank Street. Mr. Siegenthaler seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 4-0-0.**

### **Article 11 – Community Preservation Surcharge Effective July 1, 2017**

Ms. Fleischman said that the Community Preservation Committee held a public hearing on this topic and recommended approval.

**Mr. Siegenthaler made a motion to recommend approval of Article 11 – Community Preservation Surcharge Effective July 1, 2017. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 4-0-0.**

**Article 12 – Amend FY17 Community Preservation Budget**

Ms. Fleischman highlighted the reduction in cost of an appropriation from the 2016 Annual Town Meeting as well as the addition of a new appropriation.

**Mr. Siegenthaler moved the Selectmen make a recommendation at Special Town Meeting for Article 12 – Amend FY17 Community Preservation Budget. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 4-0-0.**

**Article 13 – Amend FY2017 Operating Budget**

**Mr. Moonan moved the Selectmen make a recommendation at Special Town Meeting for Article 13 – Amend FY2017 Operating Budget. Mr. Siegenthaler seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 4-0-0.**

**Article 14 – Appropriate Funds for Emergency Communications Officers Collective Bargaining Agreement – FY16 & FY17**

Mr. Reed stated that within Executive Session at the last Selectmen's meeting, the Selectmen approved the agreement for the Emergency Communications Officers contract. Funds were set aside in the Selectmen's budget for future Collective Bargaining agreements.

**Mr. Siegenthaler made a motion to recommend approval of Article 14 – Appropriate Funds for Emergency Communications Officers Collective Bargaining Agreement – FY16 and FY17. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 4-0-0.**

**Article 15 – Appropriate Funds for AFSCME, AFL-CIO, State Council 93, Local 1703 Collective Bargaining Agreement – FY17**

Mr. Reed stated that within Executive Session at the last Selectmen's meeting, the Selectmen approved the agreement for AFSCME Department of Public Works union contract. Funds were set aside in the Selectmen's budget for future Collective Bargaining agreements.

**Mr. Siegenthaler made a motion to recommend approval of Article 15 – Appropriate Funds for AFSCME, AFL-CIO, State Council 93, Local 1703 Collective Bargaining Agreement – FY17. Mr. Moonan seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 4-0-0.**

**Article 16 – Stabilization Fund Appropriation**

**Mr. Moonan moved the Selectmen make a recommendation at Special Town Meeting for Article 16 – Stabilization Fund Appropriation. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 4-0-0.**

**Mr. Siegenthaler made a motion to approve the Special Town Meeting Warrant with changes. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion**

**The motion passed 4-0-0.**

**17-64            Miscellaneous Action Item  
Chapter 268A Section 20(b) Exemption – Omar-Karim Al-Adhami**

**One Day Special Liquor Licenses  
Elizabeth and Joseph Danaher  
Old Town Hall– November 5, 2016**

**Anitha Yajnik  
St. Michael's Parish – October 16, 2016**

**Ms. Fleischman made a motion to grant an exemption under Chapter 268A, Section 20(b) to Omar-Karim Al-Adhami. Mr. Moonan seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 4-0-0.**

**Mr. Siegenthaler made a motion to approve the One Day Special Liquor License application from Elizabeth and Joseph Danaher for November 5, 2016. Mr. Moonan seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 4-0-0.**

**Ms. Fleischman made a motion to approve the One Day Special Liquor License application from Anitha Yajnik for October 16, 2016. Mr. Siegenthaler seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 4-0-0.**

**17-65            Minutes  
Regular Session Minutes – September 19, 2016  
Executive Session Minutes – September 19, 2016**

**Mr. Moonan moved to approve the Regular Session minutes of September 19, 2016 as presented. Mr. Siegenthaler seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 4-0-0.**

**Mr. Moonan moved to approve the Executive Session minutes of September 19, 2016 as presented. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 3-0-1.**

**17-66            Town Manager's Report**

Mr. Reed stated that phase 3 of the Middlesex Turnpike project was advertised on the last Saturday in September, which obligated the federal and state funding. The environmental permitting process is ongoing. A contract is expected to be awarded in December and construction should begin in the Spring of 2017.

**17-67            Open Discussion and Selectmen Liaison Reports**

Mr. Siegenthaler highlighted points on water consumption. There had been discussion about residential, municipal and field irrigation consumption. More information on this is in process. Mr. Moonan also added that this was being looked at in a budgetary light.

Ms. Fleischman attended the Mass DOT Moving Together conference. Complete Streets, enforcement and police training was discussed.

Mr. Moonan attended the Finance Committee meeting and stated there was heavy discussion on the Pressbox lift. The Finance Committee expressed concerns about potential add on requirements. Mr. Siegenthaler also stated there was a concern that the user fees are not being raised and the reserve for the eventual replacement of the artificial turf surface is not on schedule.

**Ms. Fleischman moved to adjourn. Mr. Moonan seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 4-0-0.**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.**